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Dear Forest User:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the proposed amendment to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is proposing to add aminopyralid to the list of herbicides approved in the Forest Plan. The Draft Decision Memo (DM) is available for public review. The Draft DM can be viewed online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51119>. Copies of the Draft DM are available upon request.

Background

In 2005, the Pacific Northwest Regional Forester amended all the Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) in the region to update the invasive plant management program, including approval for the use of ten herbicide active ingredients (USDA 2005b. Pacific Northwest Region Invasive Plant Program Record of Decision. Portland, OR. Referred to as R6 2005 ROD). The R6 2005 ROD explained that other herbicide ingredients may be added in the future.

This action is subject to the objection procedures at 36 CFR § 219, Subpart B—Pre-Decisional Administrative Review Process. Individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to this proposed plan amendment during any of the opportunities for public comment will have standing to file an objection.

Instructions for Making Comments

The 30-day comment period for this proposed amendment begins on the day after publication of the legal notice in the Baker City Herald. This comment period is being provided pursuant to 36 CFR 219.16(a)(2). This proposed Forest Plan Amendment is subject to the objection procedures at 36 CFR 219 Subpart B. Only those who provide comment or express interest in this proposed amendment during this comment period will be eligible to object to the proposed decision. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to object to the subsequent decision. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Timeliness of comments will be determined by postmark, time and date stamp at the district office or the agency's electronic acknowledgement for electronically submitted comments.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments should be submitted to: Tom Montoya, Forest Supervisor, 1550 Dewey Avenue, Suite A, Baker City, OR 97814. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Supervisor's office during normal business hours via telephone or in person. If you choose to contact us by phone



the number is 541-426-5689. Electronic comments should be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message or as an attachment in Microsoft Word, rich text format, or portable document format only and sent to sitkapence@fs.fed.us. For electronically mailed comments the sender should receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive this confirmation of receipt it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. E-mails submitted to e-mail addresses other than the one listed above, in other formats than those listed, or containing viruses will not be accepted. If you have questions on how to submit comments, contact Sitka Pence, Environmental Coordinator by email: sitkapence@fs.fed.us or by phone: 541-426-5689.

Thank you for your interest in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and this project. Your comments, concerns, and observations about this project are important to the development of the final project.

Sincerely,



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